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1 2 3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH 4 5 ANDY NGO, an individual, Case No. 20CV19618 FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT 6 Plaintiff, 7 v. (Assault; Battery; Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress; ORICO, ORS ¶ 8 ROSE CITY ANTIFA, an unincorporated 166.720, et seq.); association; BENJAMIN BOLEN, an 9 individual; JOHN HACKER, an individual; Claim over \$50,000; amount pleaded: CORBYN (KATHERINE) BELYEA, an \$900,000 10 individual; JOSEPH CHRISTIAN EVANS, an individual; MADISON LEE ALLEN, an NOT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY individual; ELIZABETH RENEE RICHTER, 11 ARBITRATION an individual; Does 1-50, 12 JURY TRIAL DEMANDED Defendants. 13 Filing fee per ORS 21.160(1)(c) 14 Plaintiff Andy Ngo ("Plaintiff" or Ngo"), by and through his undersigned counsel, states 15 the following for his First Amended Complaint: 16 1. Defendants have sought to suppress independent journalist Ngo's activities 17 through a coordinated pattern of violent, harassing, and stalking behavior. Defendant Rose City 18 Antifa is an offshoot of Antifa, a group deemed a "domestic terrorist group" by the U.S. 19 government, and widely known for its organized violence and riotous behavior. Ngo, with his 20 persistent reporting, has brought to light many misdeeds of this terrorist organization and is 21 perhaps more responsible than any other American journalist for increasing public awareness of 22 the threat Antifa and its followers pose to public safety. In retaliation for Ngo's unfavorable 23 coverage, and in an effort to intimidate Ngo from further exposing Antifa's illegal acts, 24 Defendants have targeted Ngo, including by assaulting and threatening Ngo to the point of James L. Buchal, OSB No. 921618 Murphy & Buchal LLP FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT P.O. Box 86620

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On May 1, 2019, Ngo was covering demonstrations that commemorated the pro-

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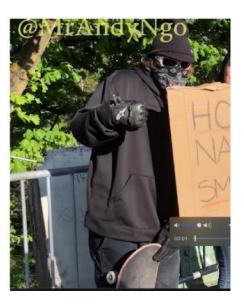
labor holiday "May Day" in Portland, Oregon.

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- 22. While video-recording the events, Ngo was set upon by mask-clad Rose City Antifa members and others.
- 23. Among them was Defendant Bolen, a heavy-set white man sporting a brimmed, black beanie, white-framed sunglasses, dark bandanna with white patterning, and black gloves with hard extensions near the knuckle area. He carried a distinctive skateboard.



- 24. Bolen struck Ngo in the abdomen with his fist, causing Ngo significant pain and severe emotional distress. Ngo reasonably feared for his safety following the incident. After the attack, Bolen melted into the crowd outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility at 4310 S. Macadam Ave.
- 25. Based on his attire, Bolen is, on information and belief, a member of Rose City Antifa.





26. Ngo then left the area of the attack, and went to cover a demonstration by a group called Patriot Prayer, against Antifa near a northeast Portland bar called "Cider Riot," which, at the time, was frequented Rose City Antifa members and their supporters.²

27. During a verbal confrontation that ensued between members of the Patriot Prayer and Rose City Antifa, several Antifa members began throwing punches and spraying bear mace at their opponents, and a brawl broke out.

28. While Ngo was recording these events, Doe 1, a heavy-set, sunglass-wearing white woman sporting a black hoodie, light-colored bandanna with black stripes, and a hammer and sickle tattoo on her inner right forearm, depicted in the image below, sprayed Ngo in the face and eyes with bear mace.³ Doe 1 is believed to be a member of Rose City Antifa.



² 2 Cider Riot has since closed, permanently, following the death of a 23-year-old Antifa member, Sean Kealiher, in a shooting involved hit-and-run on October 12, 2019 near the Cider Riot. https://www.opb.org/news/article/antifa-killed-homicide-cider-riot-sean-kealiher/.

³ See 23:10-13 at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tb4KREvKYBA&feature=youtu.be.

29. The attack left Ngo temporarily blinded and caused Ngo to fear for his safety and that he might be further threatened or attacked. The incident caused Ngo severe pain, humiliation, and emotional distress.

May 7, 2019 Assault by Antifa Member at Andy Ngo's Gym.

- 30. On May 7, 2019, Defendant John Hacker threw an unknown liquid onto Ngo's head while Ngo was at his local gym.
- 31. On information and belief, Hacker intended to frighten and intimidate Ngo in retaliation for his journalistic coverage of Rose City Antifa and other counter-protesters.
- 32. When Ngo began to record Hacker with his phone, Hacker forcibly took the phone from Ngo, without Ngo's consent.
- 33. Hacker refused to return the phone to Ngo, causing gym staff to intervene and return the phone to Ngo.



- 34. Hacker's membership to the gym was later revoked by management.
- 35. Ngo reasonably fears that Hacker may commit further acts of violence against Ngo should he encounter Hacker again. Indeed, as set forth below, Hacker participated in events on May 28, 2021 that resulted in Ngo being beaten by a group of Antifa members.

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June 29, 2019 Attacks

- 36. On June 29, 2019, more protests arose, and Rose City Antifa faced-off against conservative protesters.
- 37. Ngo was in the midst of these protests in his capacity as a journalist, recording events on his GoPro video camera and phone for later analysis and commentary.
 - 38. Ngo was attacked on two separate occasions on this day.
- 39. In the first event, Rose City Antifa members and others, including Does 2-20, lobbed containers full of liquid, purportedly "milkshakes" they had acquired from PopMob, and other unknown liquids, at Ngo. Portland Police issued a warning on social media that day that the "milkshakes" may have contained quick-drying concrete.
- 40. One such "milkshake"-tossing assailant was Defendant Katherine (Corbyn) Belyea, depicted in the following image:



41. Portland police officers took a crime report from Ngo regarding the assault, but refused to confront Belyea, who was still in nearby in the park

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- 42. Later, at the same protest, without warning, Ngo was suddenly mobbed and bloodied by a group of Rose City Antifa members and others, including Does 21-43, who threw projectiles, including milkshakes, eggs, and containers; punched; and kicked him. Members also hit him in the head with plywood hard-edged sign placards, and carbon-hardened tactical gloves.
- 43. One of the attackers, referred to herein as Doe 21, was a red-haired, white woman who arrived as a passenger in a white Subaru Outback with the Oregon license plate "456 LJG."
- 44. Defendant Joseph Christian Evans was among the group of assailants who attacked Ngo. Evans was one of the first to strike Ngo, his actions inciting further violence against Ngo.
- 45. Defendant Madison Lee Allen was among the group of assailants who attacked Ngo. Lee struck Ngo over the head with placard, while sporting green hair and a light, redcolored bandanna, as depicted below. Defendant Evans can be seen in the same photograph, just to the right of Allen.



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46. Allen showed her face at one time during the protests which was captured on camera, as depicted below:



- 47. During the mobbing, Ngo lost grip of his GoPro camera, which a Rose City Antifa member, Doe 44, immediately stole.
 - 48. The mob then dispersed and blended into the surrounding crowd.
- 49. Ngo was able to break away and requested assistance from the medic team associated with the Portland Police. The police medics directed Ngo to the central police precinct, the same area in which he was just beaten.
- 50. Ngo then walked himself to the police precinct, where he taken by ambulance to Oregon Health & Science University and, after testing, was diagnosed with a subarachnoid brain hemorrhage and hospitalized overnight.
- 51. As a result of the attacks, Ngo suffered severe pain, humiliation, and emotional distress, for which he continues to receive treatment.

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- 52. On October 31, 2019, at least six masked Antifa members, including Does 45-50, inclusive, approached Ngo's family home and stood outside the door. Each of their masks bore a printout of Ngo's face.
- 53. They banged on Ngo's windows, rang the doorbell, and tried to gain entry into Ngo's family home by trying the door handle to see if the door was locked or not. They were not carrying trick or treat bags, and, on information and belief, intended to harass, intimidate, and harm Ngo.
- 54. Ngo was present in the home at the time. He called the police and recorded the trespassers on his home security system. The individuals left before police arrived.



55. Soon after this incident, Ngo realized that personal information about him, his family, and his mother's small business had been released publicly. Upon information and belief, the six masked individuals were Antifa members who used the publicized information to track Andy to his house and intimidate him.

56. As part of Rose City Antifa's campaign of terror and harassment against Ngo, Twitter accounts controlled by Antifa members released, in two separate events, private information about donors to Andy Ngo's medical expenses from the mob attack and private information about his family (such as the address of his mother's small business).

The May 28, 2021 Attack

- 57. By November 2020, continuing and escalating threats from Antifa caused Ngo to leave the City of Portland. He returned briefly for family reasons in late April 2021, and upon learning that John Doe Defendants, who upon information and belief were acting on behalf of Rose City Antifa proposed a "direct action" at the Portland Justice Center on May 28, 2021, decided to attend the action and to continue his direct reporting.
- 58. Ngo took care to cover his face and dress in black, so as not to be recognized by Rose City Antifa or its supporters. He restricted his activities to observing the criminal activities in which those others present were engaging, involving an attack on the Central Precinct of the Portland Police Bureau.
- 59. Defendant Hacker approached Ngo and began questioning him. Ngo did not respond and walked away, but Hacker and others followed. They pursued him to the corner of SW Taylor Street and SW 3rd Avenue, and then forcibly removed his mask, shouting, in words or substance, "That's Andy! Get him! Get him!"
- 60. Defendant Richter summoned others, calling out, in substance, for them to assist in beating Ngo. She also chased after Ngo, as did Hacker. On information and belief, others engaged in similar conduct.
- 61. Ngo fled, but was tackled to the ground at the corner of SW Morrison St. and SW 4th Avenue by a John Doe defendant, who began punching his face and head repeatedly. When

- 68. Defendants intended offensive or harmful contact with Andy Ngo and/or put him in apprehension of such offensive or harmful contact with his person.
- 69. Defendants placed Andy Ngo in apprehension of immediate physical contact that appeared to be and that was harmful and/or offensive.
- 70. The acts or omission of the Defendants were the legal and proximate cause of Andy Ngo's damages.
- 71. As a result of Defendants' actions, Ngo has suffered harm to his person, causing injuries to his head and body, including bruising. Ngo has suffered severe pain, discomfort, and emotional distress, as well as inconvenience and interference with everyday activities. As a result of his injuries, Ngo required medical care and ongoing medical treatment.
- 72. With respect to the May 1, 2019 assaults, Defendants Rose City Antifa, Bolen, and Doe 1, (1) committed these tortious acts in concert with each other and pursuant to a common design to target Andy Ngo and forcibly dissuade him from covering Antifa protests; (2) knew that each other's conduct constituted a breach of duty to not commit violence against Andy Ngo and gave substantial assistance or encouragement to the other Antifa members to engage in such conduct; and/or (3) gave substantial assistance to each other in accomplishing the tortious result and each member's own conduct, separately considered, constituted a breach of duty to the third person.
- 73. With respect to the June 29, 2019 assaults, Defendants Rose City Antifa, Belyea, Evans, Allen, and Does 2-44 (1) committed the tortious acts in concert with each other and pursuant to a common design to target Andy Ngo and forcibly dissuade him from covering Antifa protests as a journalist; (2) knew that each other's conduct constituted a breach of duty to not commit violence against Andy Ngo and gave substantial assistance or encouragement to the other Antifa members to engage in such conduct; and/or (3) gave substantial assistance to each

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Battery - Common Law

(By Plaintiff against all Defendants)

- 77. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
 - 78. Defendants intended offensive or harmful contact with Andy Ngo.
 - 79. Defendants caused or directly engaged in offensive or harmful contact with Andy Ngo.
 - 80. Defendants' actions or omissions proximately resulted in damages to Andy Ngo.
 - 81. As a result of Defendants' actions, Ngo has suffered harm to his person, causing injuries to his head and body, including bruising. Ngo has suffered severe pain, discomfort, and emotional distress, as well as inconvenience and interference with everyday activities. As a result of his injuries, Ngo required medical care and ongoing medical treatment.
 - 82. With respect to the May 1, 2019 attacks, Defendants Rose City Antifa, Bolen, and one or more Doe Defendants (1) committed these tortious acts in concert with each other and pursuant to a common design to target Andy Ngo and forcibly dissuade him from covering Antifa protests, (2) knew that each other's conduct constituted a breach of duty to not commit violence against Andy Ngo and gave substantial assistance or encouragement to the other Antifa members to engage in such conduct, and/or (3) gave substantial assistance to each other in accomplishing the tortious result and each member's own conduct, separately considered, constituted a breach of duty to the third person.
 - 83. With respect to the June 29, 2019 attacks, Defendants Rose City Antifa, Belyea, Evans, Allen, and one or more Doe Defendants (1) committed these tortious acts in concert with each other and pursuant to a common design to target Andy Ngo and forcibly dissuade him from covering Antifa protests, (2) knew that each other's conduct constituted a breach of duty to not

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enterprise consisting of Defendants and others, in violation of ORS 166.720(1), and conspired or endeavored to do the same, in violation of ORS § 166.720(4).

- 92. Rose City Antifa has directed its members, including the many Doe Defendants clad in Rose City Antifa attire (black clothing and masks), to attack Ngo, including on or around May 1 and 7, 2019; June 29, 2019, and May 28, 2021, and others, to gain notoriety, and to thereafter obtain financial support in the form of donations. Rose City Antifa uses these funds to further their racketeering activities, including, to purchase materials, and to secure the release of Rose City Antifa members arrested by law enforcement. According to its online fundraising campaign, Rose City Antifa has raised over \$8,000 for these and other purposes.
- 93. Distinguishing characteristics interrelating the incidents of racketeering activity include black or dark colored clothing and masks worn by those associated with the racketeering enterprise, material support for their efforts from other enterprise associates, and a focus upon Ngo and others devoted to shedding light on their unlawful enterprise.
- 94. The pattern of racketeering activity includes violent assaults against Andy Ngo on at least five separate occasions in 2019 alone. The May 1, June 29, 2019, and May 28, 2021 violent attacks detailed above against Andy Ngo constitute, at the very least, assault in the first, second, third, and fourth degree per ORS §§ 163.160 to 163.205. The violent attacks collectively constitute "rioting" under O.R.S. § 166.015.
- 95. Rose City Antifa's pattern of racketeering activities were not, and are not, isolated incidents.
- 96. Rose City Antifa acted to suppress Ngo's journalism through intimidation and violence, and all of their conduct detailed above was in furtherance of that goal.
- 97. Pursuant to ORS § 166.725, *et seq.*, Plaintiff is entitled to treble damages, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

1	JURY DEMAND		
2	98.	Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all questions of fact raised by his Complaint.	
3		PRAYER FOR RELIEF	
4	99.	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Andy Ngo demands judgment against Defendants and	
5	prays for th	ne following:	
6	A.	Compensatory damages exceeding \$300,000, trebled to	
7	\$900,000 pursuant to ORS 166.725(7)(a), and in a precise amount to be determined at		
8	trial;		
9	В.	Attorneys' fees pursuant to ORS 166.725(14), and costs;	
10	C.	Pre-judgment interest;	
11	D.	Temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief prohibiting Defendants	
12	from harass	sing, threatening, harming, or attempt to do the same, to Ngo, and prohibiting	
13	Defendants	from further engaging in acts in violation of ORS § 166.720, et seq.;	
14	E.	All other relief as this court may deem just and proper.	
15	DA	TED: December 7, 2021.	
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4	I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to or				
5	interested in the within entitled cause. I am an employee of Murphy & Buchal LLP and my business address is P.O. Box 86620, Portland, OR 97286.				
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